

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 1, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny
Third Selectman, Sally J. Buemi

Mr. Freda welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced himself and second selectman, Timothy Doheny and third selectman, Sally Buemi. Mr. Freda asked everyone to join him to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

There being no public comment relative to the agenda, Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting of August 11, 2016.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Freda introduced Mr. Ron Bathrick, Chairman of the Community Services Commission, to present the Community Service Awards to their honorees. Mr. Freda and Mr. Bathrick acknowledged the members from the Community Services Commission that were present. Mr. Bathrick presented the youth award to Julie Barron a North Haven High School Student who has volunteered over a 1,000 hours of community service to the community. Julie was at school and her mother accepted the award on her behalf. Mr. Bathrick then presented the individual award to Terry Gagliardi who spearheaded the “toys for tweens” program for 11 to 17 year olds, providing holiday gifts for that age group. Lastly, Mr. Bathrick presented the business award to Mr. John McKnight for his many contributions, support and dedication to the community. Mr. Freda, on behalf of himself and the Board thanked the members of the Community Services Commission and all of the awardees for their contributions and volunteerism to the Town.

Mr. Freda then introduced Ms. Jennifer Heath, President and CEO of the United Way of Greater New Haven. Ms. Heath addressed the Board and community explaining the vision and mission of the United Way. She spoke of the issues that many communities face including education, physical and mental health, financial stability, including safe and affordable housing. She talked about their 211 information line and noted that last year North Haven had 836 requests, with the top three being mental health and addiction, employment and income and

healthcare. Ms. Heath took a few questions from the Board and public, followed by Mr. Freda thanking her for her presentation.

Mr. Freda dispensed with his overview and invited Miss Buemi to speak to her items on the agenda. Miss Buemi then reminded everyone about the 9-11 Ceremony planned for Sunday, September 11th at 9:00 am on the North Haven Green commemorating the 15 year anniversary of the tragedy.

Miss Buemi then turned the discussion to regionalization of town services. She mentioned an article in the New Haven Register regarding the Hamden North Haven Animal Shelter. She supports the proposal to build a regional animal center. It makes sense to provide better services and save money. Mr. Freda commented that as Chairman of the State Task Force they are trying to regionalize shelters across the State. Mr. Freda stated that neither he nor Hamden's Mayor have determined the site yet and the details are still being discussed. He also commented that he was recently appointed to the CCM regionalization committee to examine areas of efficiencies and regionalized services among the 169 counties across the State. Miss Buemi commented that she sees regionalization as a way of the future, and noted that we already have regionalized our probate courts in the State. She thought it was a great article and supports the regionalization of the animal shelter. Mr. Freda gave some examples of regionalized services we are already doing with regard to traffic, SWAT, public works, etc.

Mr. Doheny called for the Annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, September 19, 2016 in the Auditorium of the North Haven High School, 221 Elm Street in North Haven, Connecticut, at 7:00 P.M., to consider and act upon the following:

- A. To consider and act upon a resolution in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Finance to adjust appropriations of certain line items among the various departments in the fiscal year 2015-2016 Budget, transferring amounts over \$20,000 in the total sum of Eight Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen and 14/100 Dollars (\$886,519.14).
- B. To consider and discuss information and materials concerning proposed renovations and improvements to the Police Department headquarters and upgrades to the Town's communications system.

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the call.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of James D. Nesdale (R), 42 Susan Lane as an alternate on the Blight Prevention Appeals Board for a two (2) year term to expire August 31, 2018.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Dorie Baker

(D), 419 Skiff Street to the Conservation Commission for a four (4) year term to expire August 31, 2020.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the following Bond Release, with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

- #P08-04, #P08-40, #P16-03, 300 Universal Drive North – August America, LLC, release \$350,000.00 of the \$375,000.00 bond balance retaining a balance of \$25,000.00 in accordance with the approval of Application #P16-03 by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the assignment of the bond from North Haven Commons Development, Limited Partnership to August America, LLC.

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the following Property Tax Refunds.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

- Carboni, Lawrence J. Jr.- 78 Summer Lane in the amount of \$16.76.
- Chen, Yaun- 26 Thorpe Street in the amount of \$9.19.
- Cheng, Chiao-Ying- 111 LedgeStone Place, Spring, TX 77382 in the amount of \$102.34.
- Chitjian, Neshan- 22 Primrose Street in the amount of \$33.40.
- Conley, Alan- 89 Spring Road in the amount of \$19.47.
- Conley, Rebecca- 89 Spring Road in the amount of \$26.66.
- Defrancesco, Ralph- 230 Mill Road in the amount of \$17.96.
- Dexter, Arthur- 56 Pool Road in the amount of \$4.49.
- Hilton, Charles- 235 Maple Avenue in the amount of \$5.53.
- Honda Lease Trust- 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040 in the amount of \$176.19, and in the amount of \$49.83, and in the amount of \$268.79, and in the amount of \$97.08.
- Izokaitis, Ruth- 69 Blakeslee Avenue in the amount of \$35.48.
- Keefe, Maureen- 1240 Ridge Road in the amount of \$17.22.
- Kowalewski, Robert T. Jr.- 5 Wilson Avenue, in the amount of \$19.32.
- Lewis, Florence- 108 Tree Hill Road, Berlin, CT 06037 in the amount of \$7.94.
- Lopez-Marcenaro, Claudia- 6 Brookvale Road in the amount of \$21.74.
- Martinez, Patricia- 6 Pierpont Court in the amount of \$371.24.
- Mattei, Shelly- 20 Blue Hills Road in the amount of \$22.93.
- Maturo, Luciano- 109 Blakeslee Avenue in the amount of \$22.19.
- Maturo, Michael & Susan- 120 Millbrook Road in the amount of \$84.30 and in the amount of \$88.26.
- Muhammad, William- 275 Quinpiac Avenue in the amount of \$17.73.
- Nappi, Joseph- 48 Pool Road in the amount of \$88.26 and in the amount of

\$91.59.

- Otero, Leopoldo- 34 Pine River Road in the amount of \$485.73.
- Pastore, Cynthia- 133 Half Mile Road in the amount of \$14.74.
- Philips, Susan- 116 Sackett Point Road in the amount of \$19.11.
- Piscatelli, Ann- 216 Quinnipiac Avenue, #204 in the amount of \$4.43.
- Puglisi, Christopher- 82 Bradley Street in the amount of \$8.12.
- Ranciato, Celeste- 77 Montowese Avenue in the amount of \$14.02.
- Romano, Charles, J. Jr.- 39 North Hill Road in the amount of \$38.22.
- Rowe, Erica- 3 Sara Circle in the amount of \$21.74.
- Russo, Karen- 116 Summer Lane in the amount of \$13.46.
- Ryan, Ian- 301 Union St. Apt. 320, Franklin, MA 02038 in the amount of \$55.26.
- Sallm, Halla M.- 392 Washington Avenue, in the amount of \$30.30.
- Scaramella, Sylvia- 33 Half Mile Road in the amount of \$2.87.
- Simos, Angelika- 65 Buell Street in the amount of \$46.13.
- Torello, Candida- 337 Bassett Road in the amount of \$11.35.
- Uscilla, Matthew- V 36 Moulthrop Street in the amount of \$13.07.
- Walton, Vincent- 46 Hallock Street, New Haven, CT 06519 in the amount of \$74.25.

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda then opened the meeting to public comment.

Mary White, Summer Lane, had questions, comments and suggestions regarding several topics including the police department renovations, open space updates, and the senior tax freeze ordinance. She feels that there should be a reach back on the senior tax freeze for subsequent years.

Mr. Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, had several comments regarding the senior tax freeze ordinance and open space. He also inquired about the special town meeting date for the police department renovations.

Mr. Tom White, Summer Lane, commented that the decisions made by the Board of Selectmen affect all residents, and commends the Board for all their initiatives and all that has been done.

Miss Buemi asked to clarify that the police department renovations could not be put on the November 8th ballot. Mr. Freda stated that he verified that it could not due to timing requirements.

Mr. Freda asked for public comment, and hearing none, Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn at 8:16 pm, seconded by Miss Buemi.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes